

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING HELD IN MONROE

APRIL 25, 1967

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 27 and 28, 1967. (2)
2. Announce next meeting to be held in New Orleans, May 22 and 23, 1967. (2)
3. Clifford T. Williams reported on District Progress. (2)
4. *W.L.A. Agt.*  
Resolution requiring all Commission Enforcement Agents to have telephones in their homes. (3)
5. *Personnel Action and*  
Resolution requiring that all new W.L. Agents to be hired in the future to be assigned to non-home parish. (4)
6. Approval of bids on construct. of three water control structures at Rockefeller Refuge. (Klatex, Inc. of B.R.) (6)
7. Approval of bids received on building the Lake Charles District Office. (D & M Construct. Co. of West Lake, La.) (8)
8. Approval of bids for residence at Rockefeller Refuge (Dyerson Lumber Co.,) (9)
9. Setting of the Shrimp Season. *for Spring 1967.* (10)
10. Mr. Buquet's commendation to the Oyster & Water Bottoms Div. for the manner in handling the setting of the Shrimp Season. (11)
12. Resolution on fresh water introduction in the oyster areas. (11)
12. Approval of closure of the Cove Area, northeast of Cypremort point to trawling. (13)
13. Approval of Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. request for ~~gth~~ right-of-way across the Saline W.M.A. *(in N.W.A.)* (13)
14. Approval of issuance of contract to Hurrican Fencing Co. of Metairie, La., for fencing Bodcau W.M.A. *(in N.W.A.)* (15)

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15. Denial of J. M. Jones Lumber Co.'s request for renewal of timber rights on Red River W.M.A. (4 b. m. 2) (16)

OTHER BUSINESS

16. Mr. Eddie D. Elmore, Cheniere Lake Commission, request Commission to construct and investigate feasibility of A Cheniere Lake No. 2. (18)
17. Mr. Wyatt Jackson, Pres. La. Wildlife Federation - reiterate stand on Law Enforcement. (19)
18. Mr. Jesse Brantley, - invite Commission to Fish Fry on June 3rd to be sponsored by Ouachita Valley Hunters' Assoc. (20)
19. Mr. Riley Laffoon, Pres. La. Coon Hunters' Assoc., request to use G.M.A. during a 2 night hunt in Sept. (20)
20. Resolution appointing Mr. Leonard New Acting Chief of the Enforcement Division. (21)

SPECIAL MEETING

This meeting was called to possibly appoint Mr. Leonard New to the position of Chief of the Enforcement Division; however, the motion was defeated. (22)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Monroe, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, April 24, and 25, 1967.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, April 25, 1967, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 127 of the Holiday Inn Motel, Monroe, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

**ABSENT: None**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who introduced each Commission member to the audience. Chairman Thompson then said that he had expected to have more people in attendance at the meeting since it is not often that the Commission has a chance to hold their meetings out of New Orleans.

Chairman Thompson then stated that the first order of business on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on March 27 and 28, 1967, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission members.

Chairman Thompson announced that the next monthly meeting would be held in New Orleans at the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission building on Monday and Tuesday, May 22 and 23, 1967.

Mr. Clifford T. Williams, Supervisor of District II in Monroe was called to the floor to present a progress report on the District's activities.

Mr. Williams explained that the operations of the District II office in Monroe cover a total of eight (8) parishes with Monroe as a central location. There are four (4) game management areas located in the district: Georgia-Pacific, 42,000 acres; Russell Sage, 15,000 acres; City Service, 17,000 acres; and the Union Parish Game Management Area, 11,510 acres. Also a small portion of the Jackson-Bienville Game Management Area is located in District II, but it is managed by District I in Minden. Mr. Williams said that on February 19th the

Monroe District office burned; and that temporary office space has been constructed on the same site in a small building. Mr. Williams said that they have just completed the 1967 turkey season experiencing a record kill of some 51 birds in the area. Mr. Williams said that their district is in good shape and they will continue to try to conduct their work in this manner.

Chairman Thompson thanked Mr. Williams for his report and commended them for an excellent job they are doing, in spite of various hardships.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Dr. Glasgow for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Glasgow explained that because of the nature and necessity of contact and because some of our Enforcement people are not able to be contacted in emergencies, we feel that every agent should have a phone and listed in the phone directory. Dr. Glasgow stated that there should be no exception to this regulation as a telephone is not an expensive item to have.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby rule that every Enforcement Agent in the employment of the Commission must have a telephone in his home and that the phone number must be listed in the local telephone directory. This rule is to be strictly enforced in order that an agent of the Commission can be contacted promptly and without difficulty in times of emergencies.

Dr. Glasgow also said that under the present system agents are assigned to their home parish which makes it very difficult for them to be as firm as they should be in enforcing the laws. Dr. Glasgow requested that the Commission give approval to the hiring of future agents of the Commission to be assigned to parishes other than their home parish. Dr. Glasgow explained that this does not mean that there will be transfers of the present agents to other parishes, but only that new agents employed will be assigned to parishes other than their home parish. This is a rule practiced by many other state conservation departments which has proven time and again to be very efficient and effective.

Mr. Fairchild offered a motion in favor of this rule which was seconded by Mr. Norris. Chairman Thompson called for a discussion on the subject. Mr. Kyle requested that this motion be tabled to another time in order to discuss the matter with the Civil Service Department. Mr. Wright seconded Mr. Kyle's motion. Chairman Thompson requested a show of hands on the vote. Mr. Kyle, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Jones were in favor of tabling the matter and Mr. Fairchild, Mr. Norris, Mr. Buquet and Chairman Thompson voted in favor of passing the regulation.

Mr. Jones then said that if this rule is passed the Commission is unnecessarily limiting the employment of agents and will cause many people to move. Mr. Jones said that in his opinion the Commission, when hiring new agents, should seek to employ personnel with better qualifications and quality rather than requesting them

to move. Dr. Glasgow explained that there are about three or four states who are now operating under the rule of employing agents in their native parish or county. In Louisiana the Commission has employed agents from the home parish, with few exceptions. Dr. Glasgow said that it is his belief that these agents do not respond as they should in carrying out their duties to the fullest extent as they have tendencies to be lenient with the violators. Chairman Thompson then said that he wanted to add that already in some of the state departments that they have people working that are not allowed to work in their home parish. For instance, as Mr. Fairchild had previously stated, the County Agents in the Extension are not allowed to work in their home parish. Chairman Thompson explained that he thought that after a period of time, say 10 or 15 years, then they are allowed to work in their home parish as it is no longer considered their home parish after living away from it for that period of time. Chairman Thompson told Mr. Jones that he could well understand his feelings in the matter; however, he must remain in opposition and concur with Dr. Glasgow. Mr. Jones then said that since we are not making any changes in our present employees, it is his belief that the people who are not doing their job should be gotten rid of and fired. Mr. Jones said that he actually agrees with Dr. Glasgow's principle and reason in requesting this rule, but does not think this to be the solution to the problem.

Chairman Thompson again asked for a show of hands on the vote. In favor of passing the resolution was Mr. Fairchild, Mr. Buquet, Mr. Norris, and Chairman Thompson. Opposed were Mr. Wright, Mr. Kyle, and AMr. Jones. The motion was carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that all future Enforcement Agents hired by the Commission to be assigned to parishes other than their native parish in which they live.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Richard Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that the Department of Public Works had previously prepared plans and specifications for the construction of three water control structures to be placed in impoundments, 2, 3, and 4 at Rockefeller Refuge. Upon our request they advertised for bids which were opened on April 3, 1967. Klatex, Inc., of Baton Rouge, was the low bidder in the amount of \$72,970.00 and submitted an alternate bid of \$74,245.00. The alternate bid difference is only about \$1,500.00 which will include the use of fabriform concrete in the structure. Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission give approval for the issuance of the contract to Klatex, Inc. on their alternate bid of \$74,245.00. After these structures are completed, it will greatly increase the management potential and food production for waterfowl on approximately 11,000 acres of marsh. On the whole, we feel that this program will be very successful and enhance the area for the wintering waterfowl.



Mr. Yancey explained that the Commission's development program on the Refuge was started in 1954. Duck usage has increased from 75,000 to 400,000 with peak populations ranging up to 600,000 since the Commission's marsh improvement program was initiated.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in order to greatly increase the management potential and food production for wintering waterfowl in the Rockefeller Refuge area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission previously requested the Louisiana Department of Public Works to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of water control structures, for impoundments 2, 3, and 4, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works advertised for bids on same, which were opened on April 3, 1967.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to Klatex, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the low bidder, in the amount of \$74,245.00, the alternate which calls for the use of fabriform concrete in the construction of three water control structures to be placed in impoundments 2, 3 and 4 located on Rockefeller Refuge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey said that plans and specifications were prepared by architects, Hackett and Bailey for the construction of a District V headquarter facility at Lake Charles. The Commission leased the building site from the City of Lake Charles for a period of 99 years. The Division of Administration was requested to advertise for bids which were opened on April 19, 1967. They received a total of five bids on the work with D & M Construction Company of West Lake, Louisiana, the low bidder in the amount of \$162,413.83. Mr. Yancey said that the bid was examined by the architects and found to be in proper order and recommended that the Commission give approval for the issuance of the contract to D & M Construction Company of West Lake, Louisiana. Mr. Yancey said that this building will house Wildlife Instructors, Oyster and Water Bottoms, Fish and Game, and Enforcement Divisions' personnel and also office space for Rockefeller personnel to work out of in Lake Charles area. There will be parking area and storage room for boating equipment included in the construction along with the office building. The facility will be located on the Interstate Highway and will greatly improve the Commission's relations and operations in Southwest Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to D & M Construction Company of West Lake, La.,

the low bidder out of a total of five, in the amount of \$162,413.83 for the construction of headquarter facilities, with parking area and storage room for boating equipment, to be constructed at Lake Charles. This construction is to take place on land which the Commission has leased from the City of Lake Charles for a period of 99 years for the purpose of constructing same..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey then told the Commission of the bids received on the residence to be constructed at Rockefeller Refuge. The Louisiana Division of Administration received a total of two (2) bids on this job. The low bidder was Dyerson Lumber Company in the amount of \$28,288.00, with an alternate bid calling for an additional \$2,000.00 which would include cementing beneath the building. The other bid submitted was Louisiana Western of Lake Charles in the amount of \$39,285.00 with an additional \$2,500.00 on the alternate. Mr. Yancey said that the estimated cost for this building was \$30,000.00. If the alternate bid of Dyerson Lumber Company is accepted it would be about \$633.00 over the estimated cost; however, if the base bid is accepted which is \$28,288.00 this cost would be in line with the estimate.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration opened bids for the construction of a building on Rockefeller Refuge on April 24, 1967.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to Dyerson Lumber Company, low bidder, in the amount of \$28,288.00 which is the base bid on the installation of an additional building to be located on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next two items on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant stated that on April 20, 1967 the Commission held their annual meeting at the Grand Terre Marine Lab to evaluate the available data on the 1967 Brown shrimp crop. He said that after due consideration of the data and consultation with industry leaders, a recommendation was made to open the 1967 Spring Shrimp season on May 15, 1967 and that it continue for a period of 60 days through July 15, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that the 1967 Spring Shrimp Season will begin on May 15, 1967, Monday, and continue for a period of 60 days, ending on Saturday, July 15, 1967.

Mr. Buquet then complimented the Oyster and Water Bottoms Division, under the leadership of Dr. St. Amant and Dr. Ted Ford, for the excellent manner in which this meeting was conducted. Their report at the meeting was most complete and thorough, thereby having created no opposition on the subject and they deserve a vote of thanks. Chairman Thompson said that he as well as the other members agree with Mr. Buquet and requested a show of hands on this complimentary vote. Immediately there was a show of seven hands in favor, with no opposition.

Dr. St. Amant continued with the next item on the agenda. He said that Louisiana has had, in past years, considerable intrusion of salt water in the oyster seed areas which is due to various flood control practices and the diversion of Mississippi River water as well as local disturbances and drainage problems within the coastal areas. This salt water intrusion has had some serious effects on oyster areas and in particular the oyster seed area east of the river. Here we find that the snail population has increased and there is considerable predation from snails. All technical studies have indicated that if we can introduce fresh water into these areas from the Mississippi River, this problem can be alliviated. Freshwater has been introduced on an experimental basis and found to be beneficial to the area. Dr. St. Amant said that there is also a number of siphons which are being constructed in Plaquemines Parish which would allow for the introduction of

some freshwater into these areas. Dr. St. Amant explained that with this freshwater introduction it would be necessary to temporarily close these areas, and since in this instance the operation would be on a controlled basis, Dr. St. Amant requested that the Commission permit either the Director or Assistant Director to be empowered to temporarily close seasons in specific areas when needed in order to allow freshwater to flow into these oyster areas.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, salt water intrusion in oyster seed areas has resulted in increased snail predation and a reduced seed oyster production, and

WHEREAS, all technical studies indicated that controlled introduction of fresh water into oyster areas would be beneficial to seed oyster production, and

WHEREAS, the only reliable source of freshwater is from the Mississippi River which when introduced into oyster areas requires temporary closure of said areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director and Assistant Directors be empowered to declare temporary closure of areas when freshwater is being introduced for the duration of the flow of freshwater and for a period of from 15 to 20 days subsequent to cessation of flow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this directive be effective only for a period each year from May 1 to August 30 and that closure

during other periods of the year continue to require Commission Action.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Joe L. Herring for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission has received requests for the closure of trawling in the Cove Area near Cypremort Point. In the past the Commission has closed the area around the beach, however, this request is actually for the closure beginning at Blue Point and continuing to Cypremort Point. Mr. Herring said that personnel of his Division have investigated this request and found it to be feasible.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received requests from the Iberia Rod and Gun Club, as well as other interested parties, for the closure of the Cove Area, near Cypremort Point, to trawling.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby close the Cove Area, which begins at Blue Point and continues to Cypremort Point to trawling. (See attached map).

Mr. Herring then said that the Commission has received a request from Concordia Electric for a right-of-way across the Saline Wildlife Management Area to service some of the wells located in that area. Mr. Herring explained that this is the same type of agreement that the Commission has had in the past and recommended that the Commission grant this request.

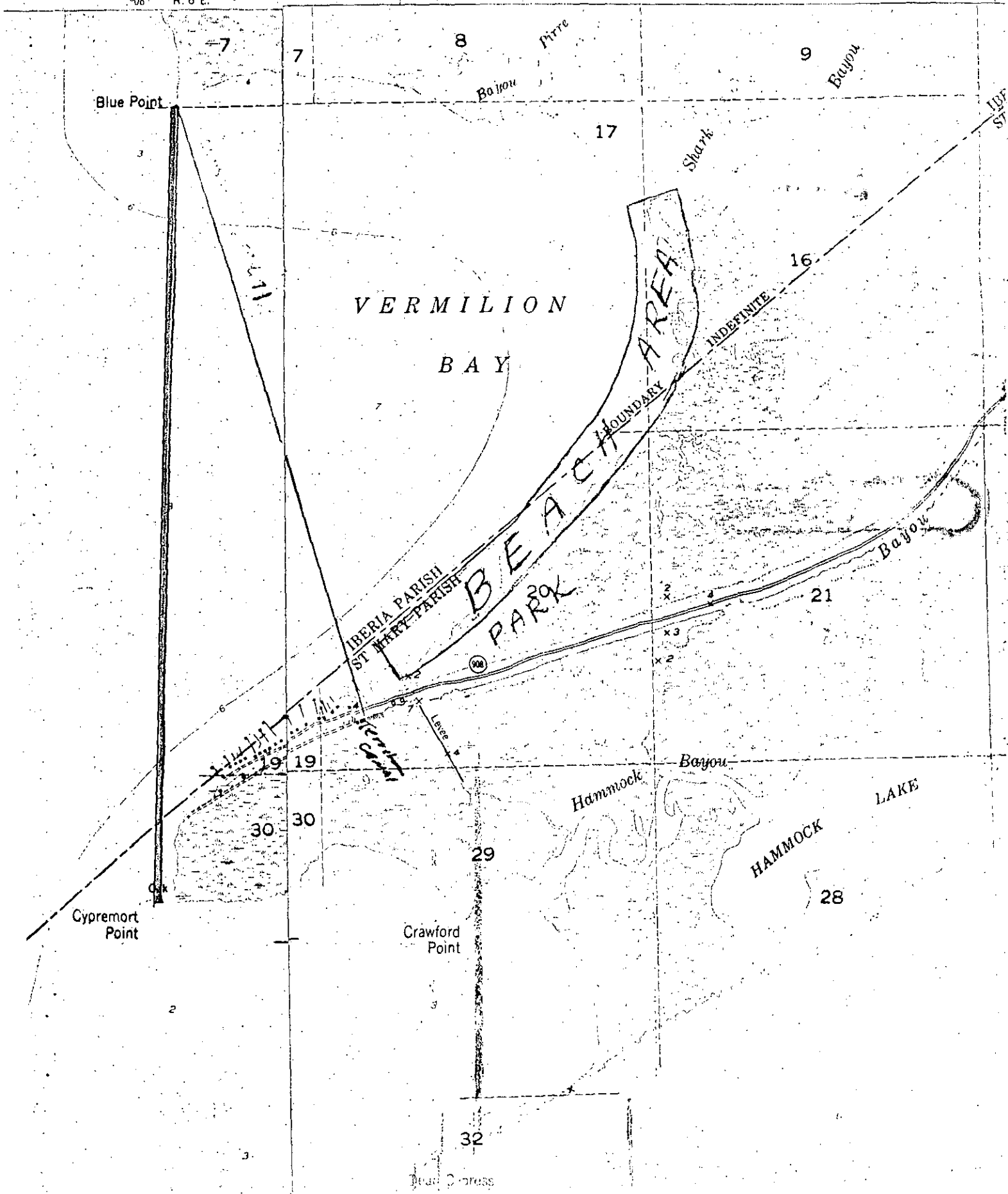
*Cypremort Point*  
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On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a right-of-way agreement across the Saline Wildlife Management Area, located in Section 24, T-6-N, R-4-E, in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. This Commission is in agreement to this request for a right-of-way to construct electric lines provided the Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. adheres to the following conditions and stipulations:

1. That a right-of-way be cleared to ground level with a bulldozer.
2. That all trees, shrubs and brush be windrowed and burned.
3. That Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall pay the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission the market value, on a stumpage basis, for any and all timber damaged or removed in connection with the construction of said electric lines.
4. That Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall alter and/or relocate said electrical lines should they in the future interfere with wildlife management work on the area.
5. That Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall make available to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission electrical service from said lines.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring continued with the next item on the agenda and said that at the meeting held in Shreveport in February it was announced that the Commission intended to fence the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. The Division of Administration has completed the tabulation of bids on this project to fence a portion of the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area which would be approximately 15 miles on the west side. They have informed the Commission that the low bidder was Hurricane Fence Co. of Metairie, Louisiana, in the amount of \$14,990.00, out of a total of three bids received. Mr. Herring said that they have checked with the Division of Administration and found that the Hurricane Fence Co. of Metairie, Louisiana is a reputable concern and recommended that the Commission give approval for the awarding of this contract.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, at the meeting held on February 28, 1967, in Shreveport, Louisiana, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission discussed the matter of fencing the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration advertised and opened bids on March 22, 1967, for the construction of approximately 15 miles of fencing on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to Hurricane Fence Company of Metairie, Louisiana,

the low bidder from a total of three bids received, in the amount of \$14,990.00 for fencing approximately 15 miles of the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission has also received a request from the J. M. Jones Lumber Company for a renewal of their agreement on the cutting rights of timber on the Red River Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring stated that J. M. Jones Lumber Company has the cutting rights until December 16, 1967, on all timber 22 inches in diameter, measuring 12 inches from the ground, on this wildlife management area. If the Commission should renew this agreement, Mr. Jones, in his letter, states, "you would have the right to destroy any of the species that we would own if they were in the way of an experimental plot or something similar. You would merely have to pay the normal stumpage price." Mr. Herring said that it seems rather ridiculous to pay stumpage on land that the Commission presently owns. Mr. Herring explained that within this ten (10) years cutting rights on cottonwood, hackberry and ash, it is thought that the Commission could manage this timber themselves, harvesting same on a sound basis, and it is anticipated that may be some day funds derived from such programs on our state-owned areas will be diverted back for development of the area. It

is our desire that such programs will be a reality within the not too distant future. Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission let the J. M. Jones Lumber Company's timber rights terminate at the end of the present one year contract that is in effect.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the J. M. Jones Lumber Company has requested the Commission to renew their contract on the Red River Wildlife Management Area for the cutting rights which will expire on December 16, 1967, on all timber 22 inches in diameter, measuring 12 inches from the ground, and

WHEREAS, the J. M. Jones Lumber Company in their request, if granted, has asked that the Commission pay stumpage on land which is state-owned.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby deny the request of the J. M. Jones Lumber Company for a renewal of the contract for timber rights on the Red River Wildlife Management Area, which will terminate on December 16, 1967. It is the wish of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that this timber be managed by Commission personnel, harvesting same on a sound basis, with the anticipation that possibly some day in the future funds derived from such programs on the Commission's state-owned areas will be diverted back into development of the area.

Chairman Thompson asked if there was any further business to

come before the Commission and then, recognized Mr. Eddie D. Elmore, Chairman of the Cheniere Lake Commission in Monroe. Mr. Elmore read the following resolution to the Commission:

"April 25, 1967

Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, Director  
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission

**RESOLUTION**

"This RESOLUTION is presented to the Commission in the form of a REQUEST that the Commission proceed with a study of the attached map prepared by the Louisiana Department of Public Works, this map hereby becomes a part of the RESOLUTION, as to feasibility of construction of a second CHENIERE LAKE, comprising approximately 1200 acres located T17N - R3E, to proceed with land appraisal, land owners shown on attached map, for the purpose of purchasing said land and to consult with Mr. Calvin Watts, Louisiana Department of Public Works, Baton Rouge, Louisiana as to design and cost of a CONTROL STRUCTURE on the SOUTH END of this proposed CHENIERE LAKE NO. 2. Also, to consult with Louisiana Department of Highways officials, Baton Rouge, Louisiana concerning a certain section of the new La. 34 Highway, not yet under construction, but proposed in the near future, this certain section of new La. 34 to serve as a dam for the new CHENIERE LAKE NO. 2, and in which two (2) bridges are proposed, bridge No. 1 over Cheniere Creek, bridge No. 2 over a much smaller stream, bridge No. 2 could thereby be eliminated, this savings of funds to be utilized to build burms above water level on lake side of new La. 34 with connecting roadways for the purpose of public boat launching areas. Please note that attached map shows both proposed water levels of 66.5 feet and 70.0 feet. The 70.0 feet would be the most desirable elevation.

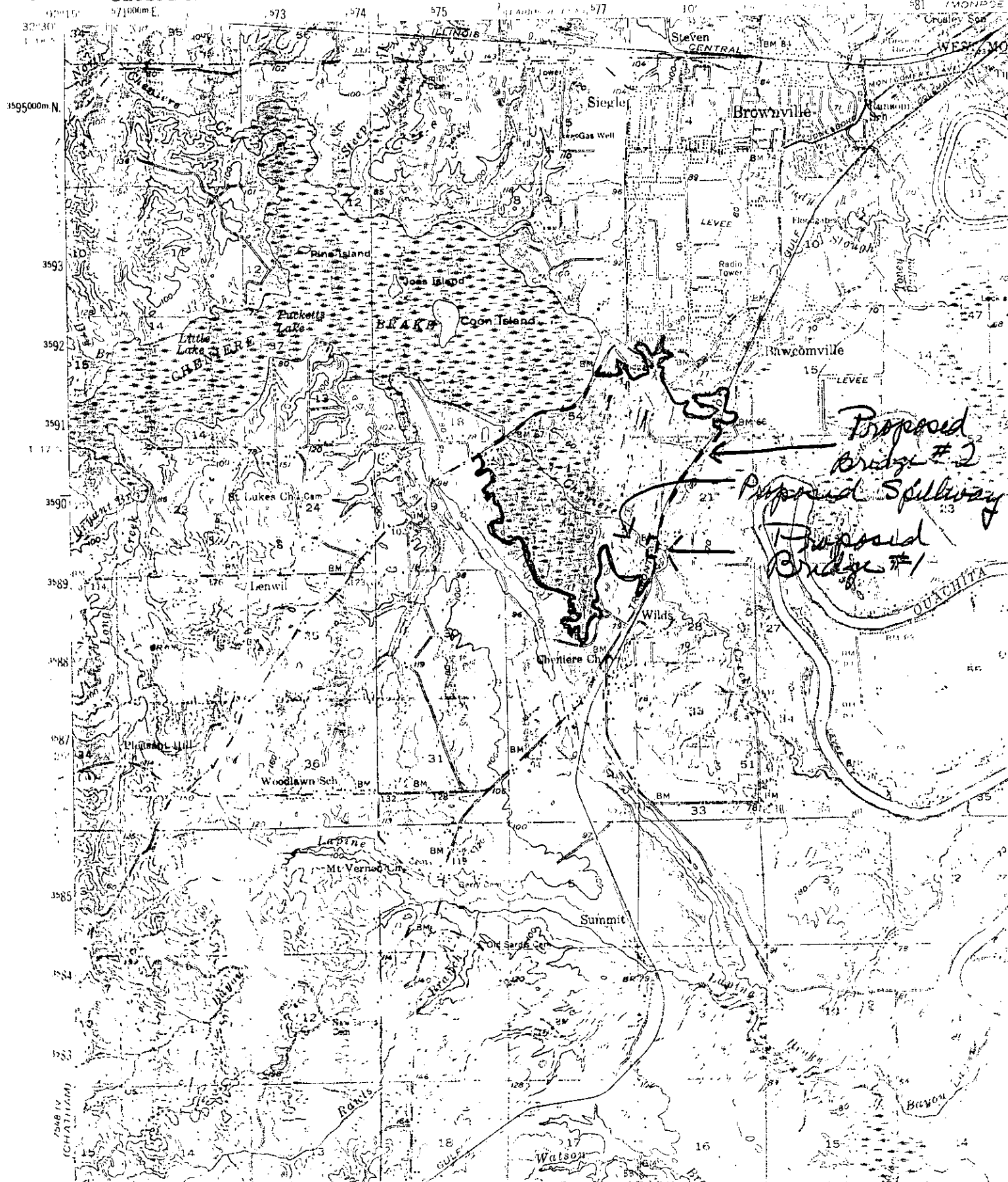
"The above RESOLUTION passed unanimously by the Cheniere Lake Commission and the Board of Directors of the Ouachita Unit Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

/s/ E. D. Elmore, Chairman  
Cheniere Lake Commission  
Monroe, Louisiana

/s/ M. D. Tarver, Vice President  
Ouachita Unit of La. Wildlife Fed.  
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On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from the Cheniere Lake Commission and the Ouachita Unit of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation for the construction of a second Cheniere Lake.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby direct the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to determine the degree to which the Commission may participate in the construction of a second Cheniere Lake, comprising approximately 1200 acres located in T - 17 - N, R - 3 - E, and to proceed with land appraisals of the land to be affected by the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after the above information has been compiled, that the Director give a report to the Commission on same.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Wyatt Jackson, President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Mr. Jackson said that he is in attendance at that moment representing the Caddo Sportsmen's Club. In February when the Commission meeting was held in Shreveport, Mr. Jackson said that the Sportsmen's Club presented the Commission with a resolution requesting stricter enforcement in the area. Mr. Jackson said that he was there to reiterate this request as he could see no change in the present enforcement practices in the area as compared to the time when the request was originally made.

Mr. Jackson then said that as President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, he would like to thank the Commission and their personnel for the assistance rendered at the Federation's past convention.

Chairman Thompson then stated that on June 23 and 24, 1967 the hearing on the setting of seasons and bag limits will be held in Alexandria, at which time the Commission will entertain only those who are interested in speaking on the setting of seasons and bag limits. There will also be a Commission's regular monthly public meeting held in Alexandria to discuss Commission matters, which will be a separate meeting.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Mr. Jesse Brantley, Superintendent of the Cheniere Lake. Mr. Brantley invited the Commission to a fish fry on June 3, 1967 which will be given by the Ouachita Valley Hunters Association and said that each individual will receive an invitation in the mail at a later date.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Mr. Riley Laffoon, President of the North Louisiana Coon Hunters' Association. Mr. Laffoon said that annually their association holds a coon hunt in the Monroe area which attracts many hunters from four or five neighboring states. Mr. Laffoon said that these hunts are with dogs only and no guns are used. He requested that the Commission allow these hunters to hunt on the State-owned game management area or managed land during this annual hunt in order to have ample land available to these hunters as there are usually a large number of hunters who participate in the hunt.



Chairman Thompson said that at the present time, he could not speak on the matter until they consulted with Commission biologists and requested that Mr. Laffoon submit his request in written form to the Commission.

At this time, Mr. Fairchild requested the floor. Mr. Fairchild said that for the past several months Mr. Leonard New had been Acting Chief unofficially and he suggested that the Commission make him the official Acting Chief of the Enforcement Division. Mr. Norris also added that Mr. New should be paid the salary that a Chief of Enforcement would receive. Mr. Jones commented on the matter in saying that he himself had no objection to this action; however, he did not believe the Commission has the authority to promote this man as Mr. S. E. Vines of Civil Service had previously stated this much. Mr. Kyle then said that as he remembers the Commission appointed Dr. Lyle St. Amant as the official Acting Chief of Enforcement until such time as a permanent Chief was appointed. This would mean that Dr. St. Amant would have the overseeing of the Division in a supervisory capacity. Dr. St. Amant then said that Mr. Kyle's statement was also his understanding and that Capt. New would handle all matters in the Division with Dr. St. Amant as advisor. Mr. Yancey said that it is also his understanding that the Commission has no authority to promote Capt. New to this capacity with the salary of Chief without the approval of the Department of Civil Service. Dr. St. Amant said that this matter will have to be straightened out and he suggested that the Commission discuss the matter with

Civil Service and perhaps something could be worked out in favor of giving Capt. New the capacity of Acting Chief of Enforcement with the salary of Chief of Enforcement Division.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request Dr. Glasgow, the Director and the Assistant Directors to discuss with the Louisiana Department of Civil Service the possibility of appointing Mr. Leonard New to the position of Acting Chief of the Enforcement Division with the understanding that he also receive the salary as Chief of the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the meeting was adjourned.

Approximately 15 minutes later, Chairman Thompson called the Board Members back into session for a meeting specially called to clarify the resolution concerning the position of Mr. Leonard New as Acting Chief.

Mr. Wright requested that the tape recorder be replayed on that part in which Mr. Fairchild made the motion requesting that Mr. New be made Acting Chief and same complied with.

Mr. Fairchild asked the question as to what was wrong with his motion. Mr. Wright said that Mr. New would probably be accused of double dipping. Mr. Fairchild said that he could not see how this would happen, as Mr. New is presently doing the work, is qualified and capable and holding only one job so as a result he should be paid for the work he is doing.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was proposed:

WHEREAS, in the past the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, with the approval of Civil Service, has hired the various division chiefs for the Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby instruct Dr. Glasgow, and the Assistant Directors to approach the Department of Civil Service requesting that Mr. Leonard New be appointed Chief of the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, effective this date, April 25, 1967.

Mr. Kyle then questioned the legality of the meeting. Chairman Thompson then said that he was the one who called the meeting and that a quorum is present with all members being in attendance.

Chairman Thompson then called for a discussion on the resolution making Mr. New Chief of the Enforcement Division requesting

that the Board not vote in the affirmative of Mr. Buquet's motion. The reason being, Chairman Thompson explained, is that the Commission previously requested the Department of Civil Service to advertise that an examination will be given for the position of Chief of Enforcement, which they have done and it would probably be in bad taste if this action were to be rescinded. Chairman Thompson asked if there was any further discussion on the subject. There being no further discussion, he asked that all of those in favor to signify by raising their right hand. Those in favor of Mr. Buquet's motion were Mr. Hobson Norris, Mr. H. B. Fairchild, and Mr. Buquet. Those opposed were Mr. Clay Wright, Mr. Ed Kyle, Mr. Jerry Jones and Chairman Thompson. The motion of Mr. Buquet was not carried; therefore, the resolution which was previously adopted at the earlier meeting, motioned by Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Kyle is still in effect.

There being no further business to be discussed, on motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the meeting was adjourned.